

Please amend paragraph 0022 to read as follows:

~~FIG. 7~~ FIG. 7a, FIG. 7b and FIG 7c: Depict[[s]] a comparison of the DNA sequence and translated amino acid sequence of the cysteine desulfonase gene isolated from B. pertussis strain BP536 with the B. pertussis sequence (contig 314) found in The Sanger Centre DNA data base.

Please substitute Figure 7 with the attached Figure 7A, Figure 7B, and Figure 7C.